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SUMMARY: IN THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON CIVIL-
MILITARY AVIATION PLANNING IN NATO, REPRESENTATIVES EXCHANGED
VIEWS ON THE NEED TO IMPROVE AVIATION PLANNING IN NATO AND
THE PLANNING ACTIONS REQUIRED TO DO SO. AD HOC GROUP MEMBERS
FROM TWELVE COUNTRIES, THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF,
SHAPE, AS WELL AS OTHER KEY PLANNING BODIES IN NATO REACHED
GENERAL AGREEMENT TO PURSUE PLANNING ACTIONS THAT: (1)
IMPROVE AIRLIFT RECEPTION FACILITIES; (2) IDENTIFY NATO
INTRA-THEATER AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS; (3) DETERMINE THE CON-
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TRIBUTIONS THAT CIVIL AIRLIFT CAN MAKE TO NATO DURING CRISIS
AND WAR; (4) TAKE INTO ACCOUNT AIRLIFT PLANNING DATA FROM
NATIONS; (5) ASK THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND SCEPC MAKE
A JOINT REPORT TO MINISTERS IN DECEMBER 1975, AND (6) CALL

FOR THE AD HOC GROUP TO MEET EVERY TWO MONTHS TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS MADE BY NATO PLANNING GROUPS. IN THE INTERIM, AD HOC GROUP CHAIRMAN (PANS) PLANS ON INITIAL REPORT TO THE NAC PERMREPS THAT WILL EXPLAIN THE PLANNING ACTIONS TAKEN. END SUMMARY.

1. AD HOC GROUP ON CIVIL-MILITARY AVIATION PLANNING IN NATO ESTABLISHED BY COUNCIL ACTION ON JAN 15, 1975 HELD ITS FIRST MEETING ON APRIL 28 TO DETERMINE THE ACTIONS THAT ARE NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE CIVIL-MILITARY AIRLIFT CAPABILITY IN NATO. THE NEW AD HOC GROUP UNDER CHAIRMAN DSYG PANS IS COMPOSED OF REPS FROM ALL NATO COUNTRIES EXCEPT FRANCE, ICELAND LUXEMBOURG, AS WELL AS REPS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF (IMS), SHAPE, THE SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (SCEPC), THE CIVIL AVIATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (CAPC), AND THE PLANNING BOARD FOR EUROPEAN INLAND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (PBEIST). COMMENT: FRANCE DID NOT CHOOSE TO ATTEND EVEN AFTER BACK-STAGE EFFORTS BY PANS. END COMMENT.

2. CHAIRMAN PANS RECALLED THE JANUARY 1975. US INITIATIVE TO STUDY AIRLIFT PLANNING ON A NATO WIDE BASIS, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE AD HOC GROUP CONSIDER FOUR ASPECTS OF PLANNING THAT: (1) QUANTIFY AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS; (2) ASSESS WHETHER PRESENT CIVIL-MILITARY ASSETS ARE ADEQUATE; (3) PROVIDE PROPER EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES AND AIRCRAFT OFFLOADING CAPABILITY FOR THE FORWARD MOVEMENT OF MEN AND MATERIAL; AND (4) RELATE AIRLIFT PLANNING TO THE LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS STUDY UNDER WAY IN PBEIST. HE FURTHER STATED THAT TWO RELATED ACTIONS SHOULD RECEIVE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. FIRST, THERE IS A NEED TO COORDINATE THE VAST NUMBER OF STUDIES UNDER WAY ON AVIATION PLANNING AND SECOND, THE AD HOC GROUP SHOULD STIMULATE THE POLITICAL WILL FOR NATIONS TO PROVIDE THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT BY ALERTING GOVERNMENTS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL TO SUPPORT SOLVING THE TECHNICAL AND PLANNING PROBLEMS. THE CAPC REP (GREEN) POINTED OUT THAT THE CAPC HAD LONG BEEN AWARE OF THE CIVIL AIRLIFT CAPABILITY IN CONFIDENTIAL

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NATO BUT HAD NOT SUCCEEDED IN GETTING VERY FAR IN PLANNING FOR CIVIL AIRLIFT USE ON A NATO WIDE BASIS BECAUSE COUNTRIES FELT THEY WERE SELF-SUFFICIENT IN AIRLIFT AND DID NOT WISH TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY DATA FOR NATO WIDE PLANNING. HE ADDED THAT SHAPE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE DATA ON AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SAME REASON. HE FURTHER STATED THAT CAPC'S PRIMARY FUNCTION WAS EMERGENCY PLANNING IN THE CIVIL SECTOR AND NOT PROVIDING SUPPLY SUPPORT FOR THE MILITARY; HOWEVER, HE FELT THE CAPC WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET ON APRIL 29/30, COULD PROVIDE SOME USEFUL INPUTS FOR PROGRESS IN THIS AREA.

3. US REP (LEGERE) EXPRESSED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH PREVIOUS VIEWS AND POINTED OUT THAT A NEW STUDY WAS NOT NEEDED. HE

STRESSED THAT THE AD HOC GROUP SHOULD FOCUS ON ACTIONS TO ALERT GOVERNMENTS ABOUT NATO'S NEED FOR CIVIL AVIATION INFORMATION SO THAT SHPAE AND CAPC CAN CARRY OUT THEIR PLANNING ACTIONS. HE RECALLED SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S INITIATIVE AT THE DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING IN DECEMBER 1973, STATING THAT THE US HAD UNDERTAKEN UNILATERAL ACTIONS TO IMPROVE ITS CAPABILITY TO REINFORCE THE ALLIANCE. HE ALSO RECALLED THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IN HIS WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD AT THE JUNE 14, 1974 DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING HAD EMPHASIZED THAT AIRLIFT RECEPTION ARRANGMENTS AND FACILITIES HAVE BEEN A CHRONIC DEFICIENCY IN THE ALLIANCE IN EVERY REGION OF ACE AND ARE IDENTIFIED AS SUCH IN SACEUR'S ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT NATO FORCE PLANS. U.S. REP STRESSED THAT THE US VIEWS THE IMPROVEMENT IN AERIAL PORT RECEPTION FACILITIES AND THROUGHPUT CAPABILITY AS BEING OF PRIME IMPORTANCE. DRAWING ON REF D, HE THEN MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) THE US IS WILLING TO PROVIDE SACEUR WITH THE AIRLIFT PLANNING DATA THAT HE NEEDS; (2) BESIDES ACTIONS ALEADY TAKEN, THE SCEPC SHOULD ASSIST MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN DETERMINING THE ADDITIONAL AIRLIFT RECEPTION FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS THAT ARE NEEDED IN ACE AND DETERMING THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT CIVIL AIR TRANSPORTATION IN EUROPE SHOULD MAKE TO NATO IN TIMES OF TENSION AND WAR; (3) THE MC AND SCEPC SHOULD MAKE A JOINT REPORT TO MINISTERS IN DECEMBER 1975; AND (4) THE AD HOC GROUP SHOULD MEET EVERY TWO MONTHS TO REVIEW AND MONITOR THE PROGRESS MADE BY NATO PLANNING BODIES. PANSAGREED WITH THESE POINTS, BUT POINTED OUT THE PROBLEM OF MAKING A JOINT REPORT TO PERMREPS OF THE FOURTEEN AND HE SUGGESTED THAT THE

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REPORT SHOULD GO TO THE NAC INSTEAD.

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4. IMS REP, WHILE SUPPORTING THE PREVIOUS ACTIONS OF THE GROUP, CAUTIONED THE AD HOC GROUP ABOUT GETTING "TOO MANY FINGERS IN THE PIE" AND DOING HARM TO WORK ALREADY UNDER WAY. HE SUPPORTED THE NEED FOR DETERMINING AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS AND STRESSED THE VITAL PART NATIONS PLAY BY MAKING INPUTS OF PLANNING DATA TO NATO PLANNING BODIES. HE SAID THE ALLIANCE NEEDED ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS AND MACHINERY IN ORDER TO IMPROVE AIRLIFT REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITY. HE RELATED THE REINFORCEMENT PROBLEM WITH THE STRATEGY OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE. THE ITALIAN REP (SALVO) INDICATED THAT ITALY VIEWED VICIL AIRLIFT PLANNING AS A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY. HE FURTHER STATED THAT IN THIS CONTEXT ITALY HAD ADEQUATE CIVIL AIRLIFT CAPABILITY. HE IMPLIED THAT MOVING FORCES FROM ONE AREA OF ACE TO ANOTHER WAS A NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY SIMILAR TO LOGISTICS.

5. THE CANADIAN REP (SHEFFIELD) EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT SOME VIEWS THAT HAD BEEN EXPRESSED ABOUT NOT NEEDING EXTRA AIRLIFT AND THEN POINTED OUT THAT CANADA NEEDED HELP IN ORDER TO MEET
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THEIR AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS. HE SUPPORTED THE US VIEW ON THE NEED TO IMPROVE AIRLIFT RECEPTION FACILITIES AND URGED PLANNERS TO TAKE ACTIONS TO SHORTEN THE TIME NEEDED TO REINFORCE EUROPE. UK REP (MACDONALD) REFERRED TO THE CANADIAN INTERVENTION AS INTERESTING AND SAID THAT THE CURRENT SHAPE GUIDANCE MAY NOT PICK UP THESE POINTS. UK REP, COMMENTING ON THE US REINFORCEMENT OF EUROPE, WONDERED IF BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS SIMILAR TO THE COLLOCATED OPERATING BASE NEGOTIATIONS WERE NOT THE BEST WAY FOR THE US TO HANDLE THE RECEPTION FACILITY PROBLEM. US REP SAID THIS SUGGESTION HAD MERIT BUT THAT MOVEMENT OF MEN AND MATERIEL TO DESINATION INVOLVED POSSIBLE CROSSING OF BORDERS REQUIRING MULTILATERAL COORDINATION AND COOPERATION. FURTHER, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST TO WAIT FOR SACEUR TO SPELL OUT THE ARRANGEMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE NEEDED BEFORE ANY DECISIONS ARE MADE ON THIS QUESTION. IMS REP SUPPORTED THE NEED TO MAKE MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS, POINTING OUT THAT MANY DIFFERENT AGENCIES AND NATIONS WERE INVOLVED IN THIS COMPLEX ISSUE. HE SAID THE FIRST PROBLEM IS TAKING CARE OF US REINFORCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY IDENTIFYING ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTRA-THEATER AIRLIFT. HE SAID THE REAL PROBLEM IS MOVING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT IN RESPONSE TO VARIOUS SCENARIOS.

6. BY WAY OF SUMMING UP, PANSA SAID: WE ALREADY HAVE MANY

STUDIES AND NO NEW NES ARE NEEDED; GREAT STRESS NEEDS TO BE
PUT ON RECEPTION FACILITIES; WE MUST INJECT POLITICAL WILL
TO GET THE DATA TO NATO AGENCIES THAT NEED IT; WE SHOULD AIM
FOR A REPORT TO MINISTERS IN DECEMBER; AND FINALLY THE GROUP
SHOULD PLAN TO MEET EVERY TWO MONTHS. IN THE INTERIM CHAIRMAN
PANSA WILL MAKE INITIAL REPORT TO NAC.BRUCE

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